creep, creep, creep Up on th' bed, an' grab yer throat, an' make

yer cry and groan,
All jes' because yer have to sleep up attic all

An' I remember pa said he thought most any

\*Ould like to sleep up attic, leastwise he always

An once at night, I know, I see a funny thing Finally, after much fidgeting in her could have taken Margaret out so an' screamed.

An' pa come up an' laughed, an' said he guessed

by th' wall Er yeller man hung by his neck, an' he was awful tall. An' he kept movin' back an' forth an' kicked his legs at me; An' pa said in the mornin' if I'd look there I

would see 'Twas jes' th' yeller corn 'at hung a dryin', nothin more:

Then he went out with th' candle an' shut th' courage and went on.

An' then I see him shake again, the yeller man, an' crawl. Er hangin' by his neck there in th' dark upon An' then I tucked my head down in th' clothes her words.

an' couldn't see, An' th' first I knew 'twas mornin' an' pa was -Walter M. Hazeltine, in Housekeeper.



were away for a and-" day: so Miss

day old. Someway the good things of life had you know." always come a day late to Miss Marga- Again there was silence. Miss Marhad been handsome once and full of took up the lamp. promise, had such sharp lines about the mouth. It was a thin, angular past ten." above it, which used to be so black, was streaked with gray.

table sat Miss Margaret's sister Har- forty years ago, they did not tell each riet, placidly knitting. If her face other of it bore fewer traces of disappointment a very plain girl; but now hers was a and the room dusted. pleasant face to look upon, round and peaceful, the touch of rose color in the cheeks contrasting prettily with the snowy whiteness of her soft, heavy The eyes were pleasant and usually did the errands. friendly; at the corners of the mouth

was very lovable. lives and grown old together. For bank." forty years they had not been separated for a single night. For forty years and more they had had the same things to worry over, and to be glad about, the same sorrows and the same

Suddenly the paper dropped from Miss Margaret's hands and she looked up at Harriet, her pale face almost ghastly. "What is it, sister?"

"Bob Barton's dead!"

"You don't sav!"

Even Miss Harriet's calm face showed signs of agitation, and her hand shook as she reached for the paper.

There were only two lines of it.

Robert Barton had been found dead that morning, in the little room which was the only home he had known for forty years. The paper had lost all attractions

for Miss Margaret, and Harriet's stocking fell to the floor unneeded. The room was very stiil-only the little old clock ticking in the corner, and the purring of the great, gray cat on Outside, in the street, people were

passing to and fro. Sometimes their voices were loud and penetrating, but the sisters did not hear them. were back in the long ago, when handsome Bob Barton used to spend an evening, now and then, in this same sitting-room, which in all these years had never quite lost the glory of his

By and by two tears forced themselves from Harriet's eyes. She wiped them away hastily, and glanced fur-tively at her sister. Margaret had not the tears, and her face wore such a softened look that Harriet ventured

"Father used to set such store by Harriet turned helplessly to Mar-him!" she said, softly. "'Twas you be garet, and Margaret looked blankly at

always used to come to see. I always Harriet. Neither of them had thought "Me? "Twan't neither! Everyody knew he wanted you—if it hadn't
seen for his miserable father!"
"No. s!ster, don't," pleaded Harriet.

"No. sister, don't," pleaded Harriet.
"O siater! don't say that," pleaded
Mise Harriet, her pretty old cheeks
wet with tears which now she did not
try to hids. "I'm sure we all thought
twas you. He always looked at you
the whole svening."
"But he talked to yen. And didn't
the give you that shell box?"
"But he brought you flowers."
"The helpless prisoner consented, and, much to his father's surprise, returned home with a bride from the neighbor's house he had ridden out to harry.—
Youth's Companion.

—A timid person is frightened before a danger: a coward during the time; and a coursecous person afterward.—
Richten

BENTON. - - MISSOURL that it was disgraced forever by his father's crime. They knew, in a way, soul can feel; that, with hopes and ambitions blighted, he had passed the bed."

Er lot o' funny kind o' things went scootinthrough my head.

For I slept in th' attic, where skare-things come at night.

Where goblins grow from rafters, an' impses hide from sight.

An' wait to jump out on yer when ye're most and body and helpless as a child.

"He must 'a' been awful roor." Miss

An' where there's funny crawlin' things 'at Harriet spoke again, after a long silence.

"Yes, I s'pose he was." decent buryin'."

"I don't believe there is." did.

An' when yer hear the rats or runnin' round at night.

An' yer think perhaps they's bogic men with long white teeth 'at bite;

An' then the moon comes in an' lays or white streak on th' floor.

An' yer go ter sleep an' dream about th' bogic men some more.

Cat wakened, yawned and stretched himself: then he jumped down from his cushion and rubbed his sleek sides against Miss Harriet. She did not notice him, and he, surprised at such unusual neglect, stalked to the door and requested, after his fashion, to be men some more.

Cat wakened, yawned and stretched himself: then he jumped down from his eushion and rubbed his sleek sides against Miss Harriet. She did not other—Bob—you know?"

"No, we couldn't!" snapped Miss Margaret. "We ain't goin' to have no nick-names on that stone." cat wakened, yawned and stretched Robert.' men some more,
An' the cobwebs on the rafters look like fairy castles-most—

let out. Miss Harriet rose mechanically, picked up her knitting and Harriet said no more are An' yer think perhaps the moonlight is Jimmie opened the door. She sat down again day they gave their order. Miss Mar-Nolan's ghost—
For Jimmic when he worked here said 'at but at the first stitch her hands during the remainder of the day, and ghosts fived in th' house.

An' they was big er little like the moonshine er dropped idly in her lap. The old clock when night came she went to bed ticked on. The noises in the street earlier than was her custom. In the

sister, after opening her mouth only ready her anxiety had increased to But it wa'n't er dream at all, I know, fer over to close it again, Miss Harriet broke such an extent that she was in the act "Sister?"

> quaver in it. Miss Margret's tone was so much less sharp than usual that Harriet took Harriet asked. "Where have you

"Why, you know that money we've anything?"

Harriet paused to note the effect of

There was no surprise in the tone, no change in the pale face. "Why, seems to me we could get on;

it only took us ten years to save it, and we ain't very old-and-and-we're pretty healthy-and we can be more carpet much; and we can get along ly as ever. without them new dresses-mine hain't een turned but once." "Well, what do you want to do?"

Miss Margaret's tones were sharp enough now. It irritated her to have Harriet so long in coming to a point ISS MARGA- which had been evident to her from RET was read-ing the evening that she did not exclaim at once paper. It was against the spending of their carenot often she fully hoarded fund, and Harriet went had such a privilege. Neighbor "Why, I'd thought mebby we could

Brown's people take that money and bury him decent-"And what?"

Margaret could have the first reading of the news. Usually she took it a riet's voice had sunk almost to a whisper. "Father thought so much of him,

ret, or else not at all. Perhaps that garet rose, folded and laid by her work, was the reason why her face, which locked the door, wound the clock and "Come to bed," she said. "It's half-

They put out the light and went to bed. If they slept or waked, if they shed tears in the darkness, if their At the other side of the small round poor hearts ached with the pain of

They were astir carly next morning. than Margaret's, it was not because she | The September sun had hardly begun had had more of the joys of life. Per- to warm the world when their scanty haps it was because she had expected | breakfast was over, the dishes washed less. Harriet Staples had been called and put away, the old carpet swept

Miss Margaret came out of the tiny bedroom with her bonnet on. "Where are you going?" Harriet looked up, surprised; she

"I'm going to ask Mr. Morgan to see were the little wrinkles that come to things for the funeral. I'm the oldfrom smiles, and, altogether, the face est, and it's proper I should do it. You'd better put on your other dress, Yet these two sisters had lived their an' go an' get that money out of the

And so the matter was settled; and poor old Bob Barton, who had died alone, and left not a relative in the world, nor a cent of money, instead of



STILL THE TWO SISTERS SAT THERE.

being laid in a pauper's grave, was decently buried, and followed to his last resting place by two sincere mourners. When the expenses were all paid, the sisters found their little sum reduced more than they had anticipated. "We can go without our roast beof Sunday," Harriet suggested, timidly. "Yes, and tea once a day's enough

for anybody," Margaret answered. So, without a word of regret, or a thought of yielding their project, the they went to give their order. After all, their money would procure only the simplest of simple stones; but they were satisfied.

"What's the inscription?" asked the man in attendance, when the stone had been selected.

"Why-his name-I suppose," Miss

all their lives they spoke the one the wee bit of butter. It was a chilly thought that had meant more to them than everything else. Even Bob Barand let the fire go down. There was

what had come to him—that he had over more than one dropped stitch felt the disgrace as only a sensitive without seeing it. It was she, of course, who finally broke the silence. "I can't bear to have that name go on," she said, "even if it was his. He

never disgraced it.' "But whoever heard of a tombstone without any name on it?"

"Well, we could put on his first name—and—and—a verse of poetry, mebby, or somethin' from the Scrip-

"Harriet Staples! Poetry! The idea! Itain't befittin'—and you know "I don't believe there's enough for a it. Nor yet Scripture. He was a good man, but we don't know nothing about "I don't believe there is."

There was silence again. The gray I guess it'll have to be jest the name—

Harriet said no more, and the next An'so I tuck my head down where the bogic had ceased. The fire was out and the morning, when Harriet awoke, she men can't see.

Right in th' bed, an' that's th' way fer little there, unmindful of all save the past. She kindled the fire, wondering what there, unmindful of all save the past. She kindled the fire, wondering what chair and many uneasy glances at her early. By the time breakfast was

of putting on her own bonnet to go in search of her, when the door opened Her voice had a half-frightened and Margaret appeared. She locked cold and blue, and her thin lips were shut slightly together. "Is anything the matter, sister?"

been?" "Of course there ain't anything the saved, in case we should get sick or matter. Can't I go out for a little without your gettin' riled up?" "I was afraid somethin' had hap-

pened to you." "Guess I can take care of myself. Seems to me I smell somethin' burnin'."

"It's the toast!" Harriet turned meekly to the stove. She asked no more questions, Margaret kept her own counsel, and life in the savin' if we try. We don't need that little cottage went on as monotonous

It was a cold, bleak day in early Norember. There was not a bit of greenness left anywhere; the frosts had



been early and severe. Even the bright-tinted leaves had fallen from the trees, and the whole landscape was brown and dreamy. In the old cemetery, where the hill slopes gently to the south, stood two women, looking down upon a grave. The wind blew Miss Margaret's scant skirts about her ankles, and puffed out Miss Harriet's shawl behind, like a balloon. Miss Margaret's face was cold and pinched, with the thin wisps of hair blowing about it, and Harriet's bonnet was askew, and her nose reddened by the wind. Some people were passing. A pretty girl in a party giggled and said something to the others about the "two old maids." But the sisters were alike unconscious of the grotesqueness of their appearance and the pathos of the white stone that marked an old man's grave with its one word-

"Why, sister!" Miss Harriet looked alarmed. "Why, he's made a mistake! We told him Robert."

"No, 'tain't a mistake," Margaret answered. "I told him to change iton were so set against Robert. And it does look more natural," she added, after a moment. "We always called

Nothing more was said, and presently they turned away. They walked home silently. Once Harriet spoke. There were tears on her cheeks; Marraret had seen them, and Harriet's ones were apologetic.

"I always knew 'twas you he come to see, sister; I always knew it. "'Twan't no such thing, Harriet

"Well, I'm glad we did it, anyway. Father thought so much of him."-N. E. Magazine.

Hang, or Marry.

In the feudal days of Scotland, when noblemen thought it no disgrace to steal their neighbors' cattle, a baron protected his vassals from the aristocratic cattle-lifted by hanging outright those taken red-hand, without waiting for the slow process of the law. When Sir William Scott was a young Border laird he made one night foray on Sir Gideon Murray's lands. While driving off a herd of cattle he was caught, and being brought before Sir Gideon, ordered to be hanged. sisters made their sacrifices, and then Hanging a cattle-thief was such an everyday affair that Sir Gideon went about his ordinary business. But his wife, hearing that a handsome youth of a good family was to be executed. sought her husband, and indignantly exclaimed:

"Hoot, Gideon, what do I hear? You tak' the life of the winsome young laird of Harden, wi' three ill-faured lassies in the house o' yer ain to marry?" "Ye're recht, Maggie, my dear," replied the baron, grasping the situation. "Wullie shall tak' our mucklemou'd Meg, or else he'll stretch for it."

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-Of all virtues, justice is the best

-- Miss Elderly-"I shall never marry." Laura-"Probably not; but you made a brave fight."-Life.

-Judge-"What's the charge against this prisoner?" Officer-"Didn't know he was loaded your honor."-Somer ville Journal. -Minister-"Good evening, sonny! Is

Brother Hapenny at home?" Brother

Hapenny's Son-"Course! Don't ye see us all outside th' house?"-Plaindealer -Teacher-"Now, Robbie, you may tell us when the days are longest." -"When we have to carry coal instead of goin' skatin'."-Chicago

Inter Ocean. -"Mamma," said Tommy, "how old are you?" "O, I'm eighteen," said mamma, who had seen thirty. "Say, mamma," said Tommy, "ain't you sorter shrinking?"-Harper's Bazar.

-"Did you fall into the lake this summer, Bobbie?" "Nope-just the other way. I took a little tin cap out with me, and several times part of the take fell into me."-Harper's Young People.

-Scientist (at railroad restaurant)-Do you know, sir, that rapid eating is slow suicide?" Drummer-"It may be; but on this road slow eating is starvation."-N. Y. Weekly.

-Jinks-"There is one drawback to these self-made men that they usually overlook." Filkins-"What is it? Jinks-"They're seldom able to select their materials."-Puck. -"When a man has attained the wis-

dom of years," asked the youth, "he loses his foolish belief in omens, does he not?" "He loses," said the sage. "his belief in the good ones."-Indianapolis Journal. -A tragedian recently playing Rich

ard III. in a small Kentucky town was waited on after the show by an honest farmer, who said that "if the genel'm who wanted a horse was still in the same mind he would like to make a dicker with him."-Truth. -Dejected Youth-"I would like to return this engagement ring I pur-

chased here a few days ago." Jeweler -"Didn't it suit the young lady?" Dejected Youth-"Yes; but another young man had already given her one just like it, and I would like to exchange it for a wedding present."-Tit-Bits. -A judge, in crossing the Irish channel one stormy night, knocked against a well-known witty lawyer, who was

suffering terribly from seasickness. "Can I do anything for you?" said the judge. "Yes,', gasped the seasick lawyer, "I wish your lordship would overrule this motion."-White Mountain Echo.

## HE FELT GRATEFUL.

Though He Wasn't Wealthy. He Gave Freely of That Which He Had.

For five or six minutes the other afternoon a patrolman stood at the foot of Woodward avenue, alongside of a young man who had a satchel in his hand, and was waiting for a ferry boat. At length, as the officer started to saunter away, the young man handed him a eigar and said:

"Thanks! I'll always remember your

"What is it?" queried the bluecost, as te hesitated over the eigar. "Take it-take two of 'em! I'm a man who can appreciate a favor"

"That's all right-take three of 'em I've traveled over most of this country, and know a man when I see him." "Will you explain yourself!" asked the officer as he closely regarded the

stranger to see if he was drunk or crazy. "Certainly. Here I am, a perfect stranger to you. You have the right to walk up and eracl: me with your club, and ask who in thander I am, and what I am hanging around here for. You could take my satchel and fling it into the river, and you could drag me to a dungeon cell and keep me immured for years and years. Have you done anything of the sort?"

"As to that-" began the officer, but the young man brought out two

more eigars and said: "Take the whole five! I haven't much wealth, but I want to show my gratitude as best I can. You, sir, are one of nature's noblemen, and though I live for the next fifty years I shall never forget you. Instead of cracking me over the head and then jumping on nry unconscious body with both feet and dragging me to the station over the cobblestones, you have acted the part of a gentleman, and a man who respects the rights of others. Sir, let me again assure you that I shall never forget this consideration on your part. Officer, farewell!"

He made a break for the boat and was lost to view, and after binking it over for five minutes the officer pocketed the eigars and growled:

"Something wrong there somewhere If I ever see him again I'll run him in for his gratitude."—Detroit Free Press

JUMPING HURDLES.

A Dangerous Pastime that Requires Much Practice. In jumping hurdles the one thing which is imperative is not to jump them. Hurdle racing has become entirely an artificial sport. It was discovered that by taking off from one foot and landing on the other, and by covering the ten yards between each hurdle in three strides, the hurdles could be run over, instead of jumped. and it was also discovered that the man who couldn't perform this acrobatic feat was not in the same hunt with the man who could. A long jumper with a turn of speed has much better chance of becoming a good hurdler than a high jumper. It is a pastime which requires much practice. You must harden your shins and keep as near to the top bar of the hurdle as you can. If you are clearing the hurdles by too much, you must practice by leaving part of the skin of your leg on

the top bar.
A famous hurdle racer, H. K. Upcher, of Oxford, who by assiduous practice brought the surmounting, one could hardly call it the clearing, of hurdles to the highest point of perfection, was in the habit of bumping each hurdle in practice to make sure he was not going too high, and of going through the top rail when it was mova ble, and sometimes when it was not, in order to be quite certain that there was nothing unnecessary to spare.—Fort-nightly Review.

Where the Trouble Begau. Cholly Lighthead-Bah Jove! Miss Emerson, I believe I could make you love me if I had a mind to. Miss Emerson-No doubt you are right. It is intellect which I adore above all things, and I have always de-plored the absence of it on your part.— Brooklyn Life INDUSTRIAL AND STATISTICAL

RAISING peppermint is the leading in-dustry of Wayne county, N. Y. THE coal production of 1892 in the United States was valued at \$27,566,000. It is estimated that there are 75,000, 000 dogs of all kinds in the United

States THE knife of the assassin in Italy closes the career of 30 persons out o every 10,000.

THE manufactured products of Great Britain amount to about \$4,100,000,000 Accomping to a French authority, the

proportion of killed to the number of travelers is in France 1 to 19,000,000; country 1 to 2,400,000. THE Brooklyn bridge cars carried

account of the recent reduction in fare ministers with congress," When Marthe receipts were \$3,009 less.

EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE.

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Austria, 121 and 44.

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N Society much gayety-balls, theatres, and teas in rapid succession find

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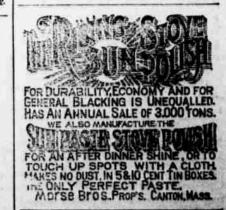
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